

Saunterings

With the passing of Nevada as the quick action divorce mill of the nation—because it takes a year to get a divorce now—the pretty little city is already feeling the absence of the fair ones. The new law has been in effect only since July, and yet, according to one who has just returned, the following effects are observable in Reno, alone: One restaurant has failed and has gone out of business; one restaurant has moved to cheaper quarters; two ladies' suits and dry goods stores have gone out of business; three of the most prominent divorce lawyers have moved to other states; furnished houses which it was high impossible to rent before are now very plentiful; and one physician has left for other parts. All of which makes quite a difference in a small town like Reno. But it means more water on Boise's wheel.

If there is any foundation for the rumor that there is a possibility of the Crocker Hotel company operating the Newhouse here, it will be hailed with delight by those who are familiar with the kind of hostilities conducted by the Crocker interests. Among those under their control and management are the St. Francis, the Washington in Seattle, and the Empress in Victoria, of which the most famous is the St. Francis, though any hotel they have anything to do with is of the very highest order. If the Crocker people are seriously considering the local hotel it will mean a great deal for the city, and their welcome will be most cordial.

Besides, Jimmy Woods might come over for a few months in the beginning to see that everything started right.

The most elaborate affair of the season was that given by Colonel and Mrs. Holmes last evening at their beautiful home on East South Temple street. There is always a particular charm about the holiday affairs given by them, and the last one is no exception. The guests were received by Colonel and Mrs. Holmes and those who assisted them, in the parlors of the house proper, and the dancing took place in the art gallery, which was exquisitely decorated for the occasion, as were all of the rooms. The reception and dance followed a dozen smart dinner parties, and the festivities continued until the small hours.

Miss Helen Kearns, who has as her guest Miss Josephine Grace of Santa Rosa, California, together with her brothers, Edmund and Thomas, Jr., entertained their young friends at a beautiful dancing party at the Kearns home on Monday evening. David Keith, Jr., received with the hostess and hosts, and assisting were the Misses Bessie Faddis, Olive Wall, Margaret Collins and Dorothy White. Preceding the dance a dinner was given by David Keith, Jr.

A party of friends of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Keyser motored out to their country place, Waldheim, in Cottonwood, on Friday morning, and will remain until Monday. Last evening a dinner was given and tonight an informal dance will take place. Automobiles have brought present day country homes so close to the city that week-end parties all year round are among the most enjoyable affairs attended by those who reside here. There is a heap of holiday cheer in the big living rooms and log wood fires down in the country, and it is not surprising that the indoor sport is becoming so popular.

For the week to come there is something doing every minute; the Alta club reception Monday night, the University club dance on Tuesday, New

Year's eve on Wednesday, the Salisbury reception on Thursday, and innumerable smaller events to engross the interests of the smart ones, some of which will be chronicled and some will not. It will be a very gay finish to a fairly successful social season preceding the exodus east and west that always begins in January.

About fifty smart silk stockings hung over the fireplace at the Clem Schramm home on Christmas eve, laden with gifts more or less of the fun-making kind, and their friends, who were invited for 11 o'clock, were entertained for a few hours in an informally delightful manner.

On Monday evening next at the Hotel Utah the Knights of Columbus will entertain at a large dancing party. The affair is under the patronage of a number of the most prominent people in town, who will be assisted in receiving by a bevy of the young girls.

Practically all of the tables at the Hotel Utah, the Louvre, the Wilson, Maxim's and the other hotels and restaurants, have been taken for New Year's eve, and great preparations are in progress to make the passing of the hoodoo year the most joyous event of the kind that has ever taken place here. Special entertainers have been secured at all places, the decorations will be on an elaborate order, and the most prosperous city in the inland west will show exactly what it can do in carrying out the spirit of the occasion.

An announcement of interest was that of the engagement of Miss Mary Sappington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sappington, to William Z. Harrison. The marriage will take place shortly after the first of the year.

The smart set is particularly interested in the marriage of Miss Carrie Calvin of San Francisco and George N. Lawrence of this city, which will occur this evening at the Calvin home in San Francisco. Miss Calvin is almost a Salt Laker, already having visited here so often, where she has a number of friends, and Mr. Lawrence is one of the most popular young professional men in the city, where he enjoys a prominent place in the club and society life. They will be here shortly to make their home.

On Monday evening, in Chicago, the wedding of Miss Bertha Furchgott of that city and Herbert Salinger of Salt Lake took place. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Salinger will return to Salt Lake to live. Mrs. Salinger is the sister of Mrs. Emil Lehman and Mrs. Adolph Shaou, both of this city, where she has visited, and the young people will be welcomed by their many mutual friends.

A beautiful dinner party which took place Wednesday evening was that given by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Whitney at their home on First avenue. The red and green of the Yuletide formed the pretty decorations. Covers were laid for eighteen.

Early in January, Mrs. J. W. Houston, Mrs. Ned M. Green and Miss Mary Wall will arrive from the Orient and will be here shortly afterwards to remain until summer, when Lieutenant Green will join Mrs. Green here. The announcement of the return of the party came as quite a surprise to their friends, who had expected that they would continue their trip around the world, arriving home by way of New York.

HAPPENINGS AND WHEREABOUTS.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keith entertained at a dinner at their residence on Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grace of Santa Rosa, California.

Among the box parties at the theatre on Monday evening was one given by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Sowles, their other guests being Miss Margaret Dunn, Miss Margaret Walker, Ruel Halloran and William McIntyre, who has returned for the holidays.

Buckley McGurrian has returned from Santa Clara college to spend the holidays with his father, J. M. McGurrian.

Mrs. J. H. Frederickson and children will go to New Orleans early in January to visit their relatives until after the Mardi Gras.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Greene will give a supper at the Hotel Utah on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Frank D. Kimball returned from abroad recently and arrived here on Monday. She is at home at the Hotel Utah. The Misses Florence and Alice Kimball are spending the winter in Paris.

Mrs. C. S. Burton has returned from New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Will L. Ellerbeck have gone to Boise to spend the holidays.

Russell G. Schuller is in Santa Barbara with his family and will remain until New Year's.

Miss Helen Word has returned to Helena after a visit of several weeks here.

A beautiful dancing party which took place at the Ladies' Literary club was that which was given by Mrs. R. C. Woodruff in honor of her son and daughter, Russel Woodruff and Miss Adelaide.

Mrs. Walter C. Lewis, Bryan Houston and Marie Odell have gone to Butte, where they will remain until after New Year's.

Mrs. J. E. Bamberger, Miss Dorothy Bamberger and Clarence Bamberger are in New York and will sail for Europe early in January.

Mrs. Roscoe M. Breeden has returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bintz will go to Los Angeles shortly after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McCune and Miss Jacketta McCune are in New York. In January they will sail for Jamaica, accompanied by Miss Beth and Mark McCune.

Mrs. Benner Smith and Miss Mary McClure are with Mrs. James A. Miner at the Hotel Maryland in Pasadena, where they will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ganz have gone to Kansas City to spend the holidays with their relatives.

Miss Edna Dunn is in San Francisco where she will be one of Miss Calvin's attendants at her marriage to Mr. Lawrence this evening.

Among those who are spending the week end at their country homes in Cottonwood are Mayor and Mrs. Samuel C. Park, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fabian, Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Fabian, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peale and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walker.

Governor and Mrs. Wm. Spry and their daughters, Misses Alice and Leta, are spending the Christmas holidays at Grantsville.

Among the family reunions at dinners given on Christmas day were those which took place at the homes of Arthur L. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Harris, Colonel and Mrs. T. G. Webber, and Le Grande Young.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gemmel will leave for Riverside today for a stay of several weeks.